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MARINOV: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

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1. REF A TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON A COPY OF MARINOV'S
SCIENTIFIC WORK, IN ENGLISH, WHICH HAS BEEN PUBLISHED
UNDER THE TITLE EPPUR SI MUOVE (AXIOMATICS, FUNDAMENTALS
AND EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATIONS OF THE ABSOLUTE SPACE-
TIME THEORY). WE HAVE ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON IT WHICH
THE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER USG SCIENTIFIC AGENCIES MIGHT
MAKE TO GIVE US A BETTER INDICATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC
VALIDITY OF MARINOV'S WORK.

2. MARINOV HAS ALSO FURNISHED US WITH INFORMATION
ON A PUBLIC MEETING OF EAST EUROPEAN DISSIDENTS WITH
THE BELGIAN LEFT IN A COLLOQUIUM SCHEDULED FOR
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JANUARY 20-21. THIS MEETING WILL, ACCORDING TO INFOR-
MATION FROM THE ORGANIZERS, INCLUDE PARTICIPATION BY
SUCH WELL KNOWN FIGURES AS THE CZECHS, ZDENEK MLYNAR
AND JIRI PELIKAN, THE FRENCH, JEAN-MARIE VINCENT AND
JEAN ELLENSTEIN, THE EAST GERMAN WOLF BIERMAN, THE
POLES POMIAN AND MICNIK, THE RUMANIAN PAUL GOMA,
BELGIANS OF DIFFERING LEFTIST VIEWPOINTS, ERNEST GLINNE

(PSB), JEAN DU BOSCH (PCB), FRANCOIS MARTOU (MOC) ERNEST MANDEL (THE TROTSKIITE LRT), AND THE BULGARIAN MARINOV. THIS COLLOQUIUM WILL BE THE FIRST ATTEMPT BY THE BELGIAN FAR LEFT TO ADDRESS THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN EASTERN EUROPE.

3. MARINOV HIMSELF IS PREPARING FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE HE PLANS TO GIVE IN LATE JANUARY AT WHICH HE WILL CRITICIZE THE WEST FOR NOT DOING MORE FOR EAST EUROPEAN DISSIDENTS. IN THIS REGARD HE PLANS SPECIFIC CRITICISM OF FRANCE AND THE U.S. HE BLAMES FRANCE FOR ONE OF HIS ARRESTS BY THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES (THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN SOFIA ALLEDGEDLY PASSED THE BULGARIANS A COPY OF A LETTER HE HAD ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU). HE INTENDS TO CRITICIZE THE USG FOR (A) NOT REPLYING TO HIS OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT (77 BRUSSELS 15465), AND (B) NOT APOLOGIZING TO HIM OR COMPENSATING HIM FOR HIS ALLEDGED MALTREATMENT IN EMBASSY SOFIA IN APRIL, 1974 (77 BRUSSELS 12986).

4. DESPITE HIS PLANNED CRITICISM OF THE USG AND THE CLEAR DISALLOWANCE OF HIS CLAIM TO FINANCIAL COMPENSATION WHICH WE HAVE PASSED TO HIM (REFTEL B), HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIS CLAIM REXAMINED AND/OR BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES WITH A VIEW TO A SPEAKING TOUR OF THE U.S. TO PRESENT HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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SCIENTIFIC THESIS (REFAIR A). IF HIS SCIENTIFIC CREDENTIALS APPEAR VALID ON THE BASIS OF HIS PUBLISHED WORKS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATION OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE U.S. PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN SPONSORING SUCH A VISIT TO THE U.S., OR OF OTHER INTEREST IN EXTENDING LIMITED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HIM.

5. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES THAT MARINOV HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THEM TO SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND A UK VISA IN ORDER TO VISIT SCIENTISTS IN THE UK. HE IS ENGAGED TO A BELGIAN AND PLANS TO RETURN ON A VISIT TO BULGARIA WITH HIS WIFE AFTER HIS MARRIAGE. BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC ATTENTION HE HAS RECEIVED, HE DOES NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF IN ANY DANGER. AFTER HE MARRIES A BELGIAN, HE MAY REMAIN INDEFINITELY IN BELGIUM .

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO TREAT MARINOV PROMISED PARA 5 REFTTEL B AND ANY FURTHER INDICATION OF USG INTEREST IN MARINOV AS EITHER A SCIENTIST (IN VIEW OF REFAIR A)

OR AN EASTERN EUROPEAN DISSIDENT (IN VIEW OF HIS
CONTINUING ACTIVITIES HERE (PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE).
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